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MEMORANDUM

TO : The Deputy Secretary

THROUGH: T - Lucy Wilson Benson *LWB*

FROM : S/P - Anthony Lake

SUBJECT: Argentine Human Rights Strategy

The attached memorandum was prepared in response to Mrs. Benson's request, and with your approval. ARA, HA, and S/P worked together on it, and we consulted individuals in H, EB, and PM. All involved understand the need to keep it on a very close-hold basis.

The paper first puts our human rights interests in Argentina in context with other major interests there, and briefly sketches all possible instruments of positive or negative leverage. It then focuses on those of the latter that we believe are most appropriate to the Argentine situation.

This is not an action memorandum. Rather, it attempts to set an intellectual framework for subsequent decisions. It identifies broad areas of agreement on appropriate U.S. actions, and one important issue -- what to do about the munitions control list -- on which we differ. An action memorandum is in preparation on that subject.

Attachment:
Argentine Human Rights Strategy Paper

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